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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9143  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT IR SHUM  
SUBJ: MORE ON TEHRAN UNIV STUDENT DISTRUBANCES

REF: TEHRAN 9082

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1. WEEKEND OCT 15-16 SAW REACTION TO OCT 9 FUNDAMENTALIST  
MOSLEM DISTURBANCES AT TEHRAN UNIV EXPAND TO INCLUDE  
COMMENTS FROM SHA , IRANIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION AND  
STUDENTS.

2. IN REMARKS TO PARLIAMENTARY LEADERS SHAH LASHED OUTT  
"TRAITOROUS, ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY AND REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS"  
AND CALLED THEM REACTIONARY ABUSES OF CIVIL LIBERTIES. HE  
CONTRASTED BEHAVIOR OF DEMONSTRATORS WITH POPULAR PARTICI-  
PATION HE HAD CALLED FOR TO SHAPE IRANIAN REVOLUTION, AND  
SAID GOAL OF SUCH DEMONSTRATORS WAS TO SET THE COUNTRY  
BACK "NOT ONLY TO PREREVOLUTIONARY TIMES, BUT ALSO TO  
CIRCUMSTANCES PREVALENT 1,500 TO 2,000 YEARS AGO". SHAH  
REFERRED TO EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR REACTIONARY MEASURES, AND  
REMARKED, "HOW COORDINATED THESE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL  
DEVELOPMENTS ARE\*"

3. SHAH'S COMMENT WAS LEAD STORY IN OCT 17 FARSI  
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AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PAPERS, WHICH ALSO NOTED FOUR HOUR  
SIT IN AT TEHRAN UNIV DORMITORIES AT AMIRABAD  
CAMPUS TO PROTEST DEMONSTRATORS' DESIRE FOR SEGREGATION.  
DEMONSTRATION WAS ENDED WHEN UNIV AUTHORITIES  
PLEDGED TO PREVENT FURTHER INCIDENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE  
REPORTED REFTEL.

4. OCT 17 MEDIA ALSO REPORTED WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF IRAN'S TEHRAN UNIV CHAPTER CALL FOR ALL FEMALE STUDENTS TO RESIST FIERCELY "ANY ATTEMPT BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS TO REVIVE PRACTICES OF THE DARK AGES". IN RESPONSE, UNIV AUTHORITIES PROMISED TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN.

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5. ADVERSE REACTION TO EXTREMISTS' ATTEMPTS TO SEGREGATE TEHRAN UNIV ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE. WHAT IS NOTE-WORTHY IS THAT GOVT POLICY AND GENUINE FEELINGS OF MAJORITY OF STUDENTS COINCIDE ON THIS ISSUE. NUMBER OF STUDENTS EMBOFF HAVE TALKED TO ON CASUAL BASIS OVER PAST WEEK CONSIDER RELIGIOUS EFFORTS TO "PERSUADE" UNIVERSITIES TO REVERT TO CENTURIES OLD MOSLEM PRACTICES ARE GREATER THREAT TO THEIR WELL BEING THAN SOMETIMES HEAVY HANDED GOVT POLICIES. UNTIL RECENTLY, GOI HAS BEEN THE "HEAVY" ON UNIV SCENE; NOT OTHER CANDIDATES APPEAR TO BE EMERGING.  
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